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To: County Office of Education Superintendents
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Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Directors/Superintendents

From: Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction Branch
California Department of Education

Subject: Career-Technical Education Improvement and Industry-Based Certification Grant

The California Department of Education is pleased to offer Career-Technical Education Improvement (CTEI) and Industry-Based Certification (IBC) Grants for 2003. Funding for this grant program (\$654,000 statewide) is supported with Carl D. Perkins Vocational Technical Act leadership funds. Grants will be awarded in three categories; (1) districts with high schools, county offices of education, and regional occupational centers and programs to **support professional development activities for individual instructors** of Career Technical Education (CTE) courses in award amounts up to \$2,500 per instructor, (2) districts with high schools, county offices of education, and regional occupational centers and programs offering CTE courses for the **integration of mathematics and English/language arts standards** into CTE courses or to update CTE curriculum to meet industry standards by providing grant awards up to \$10,000, and, (3) grant awards up to \$10,000 to districts with high schools, county offices of education, and regional occupational centers and programs to develop new and expand existing **courses that lead to industry-based certification** for high school students. (A **minimum** of 50% of the grant funding will be utilized to support individual instructor activities.) In addition, we will award grants equitably among urban, rural, and suburban areas throughout the state.

Within each of the three categories listed above, priority for selection of grant recipients will be given to develop new and expand existing CTE and IBC programs in the areas of Bio-Science, Construction, Manufacturing, and Homeland Security supporting the Governors Workforce Development priority areas. In addition, priority for selection of grant recipients will be given to applicants that incorporate business and industry partnerships that provide evidence of matching funds or services.

The CTEI and IBC Grant Request for Application (RFA) along with additional information may be accessed at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/shsd/ctei/cteirfa.html>. One original application with original signature and three copies **MUST BE RECEIVED** in the Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Office of the CDE, 1430 N Street, Suite 4503, Sacramento CA 95814 by **4:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, May 16, 2003.**

If you are unable to download the RFA, please contact Julie Wible at jwible@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-5742.

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